Beginning: THE PROFESSOR
WONDER WHO THIS PROFESSOR DUDLEY IS I'M TO MEET ~ SOME OLD FUDDY-DUDDY, I GUESS ~ WANTS MY HELP TO FORM A SAFARI ~~

SOME SORT OF JUNGLE EXPEDITION. PROBABLY GET HIMSELF KILLED. WHY DON'T THOSE ANTIQUES STAY HOME? HMM ~~ THERE'S THE PLANE ~~

PARDON ME, STEWARDESS. IS THERE AN OLD COOT NAMED PROF. DUDLE, ON THIS PLANE?
I'M NOT THE STEWARDESS.
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I'M PROFESSOR DUDLEY!
WILSON McCOY 12-3

WHAT KIND OF PROFESSOR ARE YOU, PROFESSOR?
MY FIELD IS MYTHS AND LEGENDS. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.

I WANT TO GET MATERIAL FOR A BOOK ABOUT THE PHANTOM.
PHANTOM? BUT HE'S NOT REAL. THAT'S A NATIVE SUPERSTITION.
JUNGLE PATROL HQ

EXACTLY. I'M GOING INTO THE JUNGLE, INTERVIEW THE TRIBES, AND GET STORIES ABOUT THE PHANTOM ~~ SOMETIMES CALLED THE GHOST WHO WALKS.
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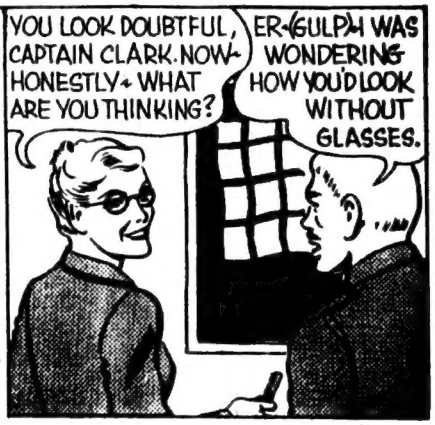
YOU LOOK DOUBTFUL, CAPTAIN CLARK. NOW ~ HONESTLY ~ WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
ER ~ (GULP) ~ I WAS WONDERING HOW YOU'D LOOK WITHOUT GLASSES.

THIS IS THE WILDEST UNEXPLORED JUNGLE IN THE WORLD. IT'S MADNESS FOR YOU TO GO IN ALONE!
I'M NOT GOING ALONE.

I WANT A FULL SAFARI. I'M NOT EXACTLY A BABY, CAPTAIN. I'VE DONE THIS SORT OF THING BEFORE.
BUT, PROFESSOR ~ LISTEN ~~
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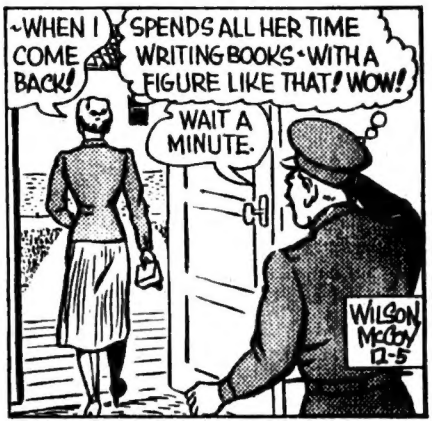
THIS JUNGLE'S FULL OF SAVAGES! EVEN MY JUNGLE PATROL DOESN'T GO BEYOND THE EDGE.
THEN I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE INTERIOR ~~


~ WHEN I COME BACK!
SPENDS ALL HER TIME WRITING BOOKS ~ WITH A FIGURE LIKE THAT! WOW!
WAIT A MINUTE.
WILSON McCOY 12-5

IT'S-ER-ODD TO CALL A PRETTY WOMAN LIKE YOU, PROFESSOR! WHAT'S YOUR FIRST NAME?
PROFESSOR DUDLEY WILL DO.

THE JUNGLE GUIDES HANG OUT HERE. IT'S A TOUGH PLACE-- PROFESSOR DUDLEY.
I WANT A TOUGH GUIDE. TO GET MATERIAL FOR MY BOOK--

-ABOUT THE ANCIENT MYTH CALLED THE PHANTOM, I NEED A GUIDE WHO'S AFRAID OF NOTHING AND KNOWS HIS WAY AROUND THE JUNGLE.
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THIS PLACE HAS GOOD STEAKS, DEVILLET'S GO IN HERE.
WILSON McCOY 12-6
JOE'S PLACE

THIS LADY'S LOOKING FOR A JUNGLE GUIDE.
HANG AROUND. THE BOYS DRIFT IN AND OUT.

EXCUSE ME, DO YOU KNOW THE JUNGLE? ARE YOU A GUIDE?
I KNOW THE JUNGLE, MISS, BUT I'M NOT A GUIDE. SORRY.
WILSON McCOY 12-7

SUDDENLY-A NOISY NEWCOMER-- A BIG ONE!
I KIN LICK ANY MAN IN THE HOUSE

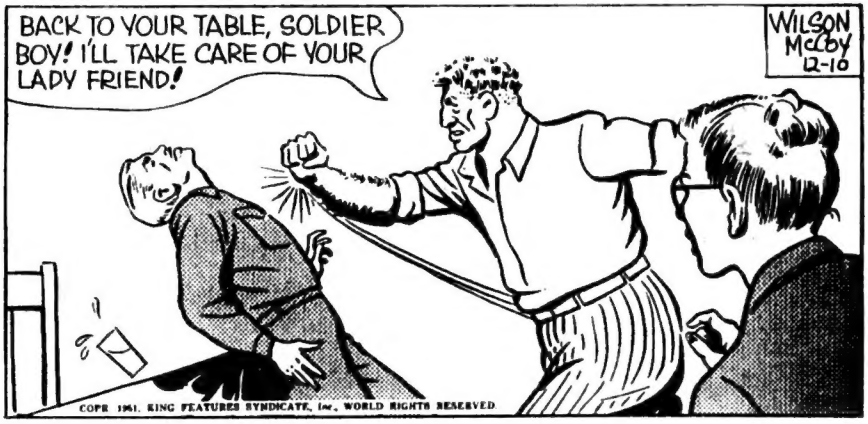
I CAN LICK ALL OF YOU AT ONCE! NO TAKERS? S'MATTER-YOU ALL CHICKEN?-- HEY-- A DAME!
IS HE--INTOXICATED?
NO-- JUST MEAN.
WILSON McCOY 12-8

YOU'RE LOOKIN' AT THE TOUGHEST GUY IN BENGAL!
AM I SUPPOSED TO CURTSY, OR FAINT?

COME ON T' MY TABLE! WE'LL TALK IT OVER! DON'T WASTE TIME WITH THAT RUNT.
HEY, YOU!

LET GO OF THE LADY!
YEAH? WHAT ARE YOU AND YOUR WHOLE BLASTED ARMY GONNA DO ABOUT IT?

HO-HO-YOU GOT NERVE FOR A LITTLE RUNT!


BACK TO YOUR TABLE, SOLDIER BOY! I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR LADY FRIEND!
WILSON McCOY 12-10
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HOW-DARE YOU--!
YEAH?
CUT THE ROUGH STUFF, KLOB! THIS DAME'S A LADY. SHE CAME HERE LOOKIN' FOR A GUIDE.
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BUTTON UP-- AND GET US SOME GRUB!
WILSON McCOY 12-11

YOU WANT A GUIDE, BABY? YOU GOT A GUIDE! ME!
BUT-I DON'T WANT YOU! LET ME GO!

I-I DON'T WANT-YOU-AS A GUIDE!
PIPE DOWN! I'M GONNA BE THIS DAME'S GUIDE. ANYBODY GOT ANY OBJECTIONS?
NOT ME.
NO.
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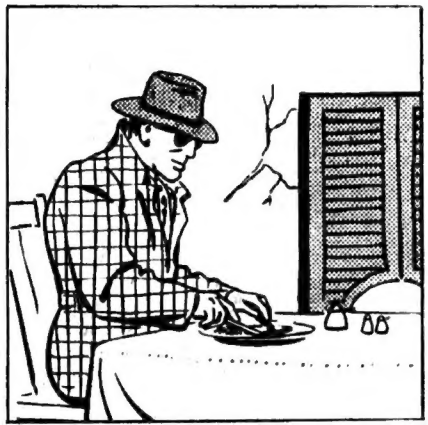

YES. SHE HAS. AND SINCE SHE HAS, SO HAVE I.
WILSON McCOY 12-12

YEAH? WHAT YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
ONE MOMENT, PLEASE. I WANT TO FINISH THIS STEAK BEFORE IT GETS COLD.

WANT TO FINISH YOUR STEAK? YOU---!
WAITER. ANOTHER STEAK AND GLASS OF MILK. THIS MAN WILL PAY FOR IT.
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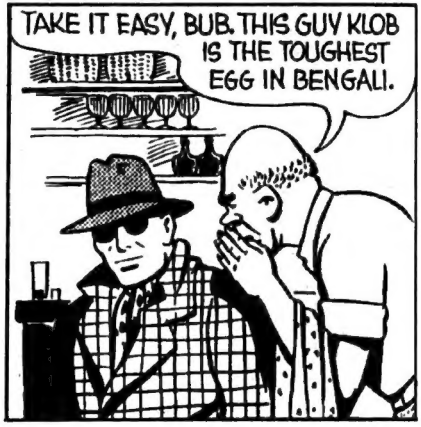

TAKE IT EASY, BUB. THIS GUY KLOB IS THE TOUGHEST EGG IN BENGALI.

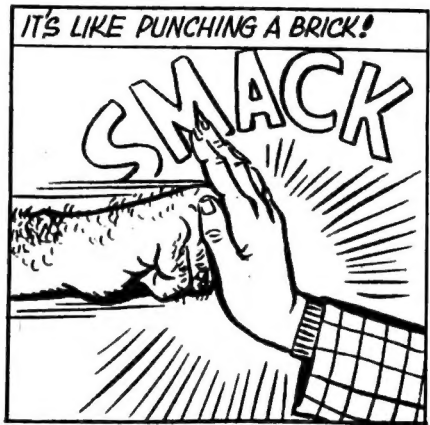
NOW, KLOB--OR IS IT SLOB? LET GO OF THE LADY.
!
WILSON McCOY 12-13

AS KLOB SWINGS, THE PHANTOM SETS HIS STEELY MUSCLES--IT HURTS BUT HE DOESN'T BAT AN EYE.
YOU--*!*@!
THE LADY DOESN'T WANT YOU FOR A GUIDE, KLOB, SO--

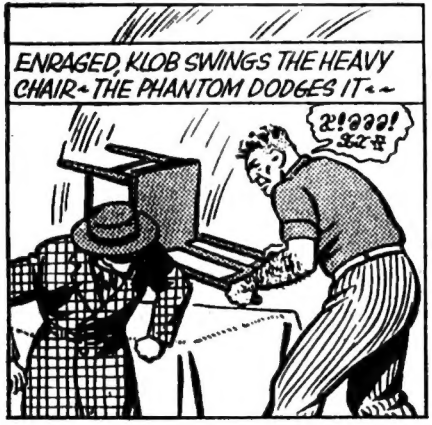
--YOU WON'T BE HER GUIDE. WAITER, HOW'S MY STEAK COMING?
HE DIDN'T EVEN FEEL IT--!
!
!
!
WILSON McCOY 12-14

COME ON!--STAND UP TO ME--FIGHT LIKE A MAN!

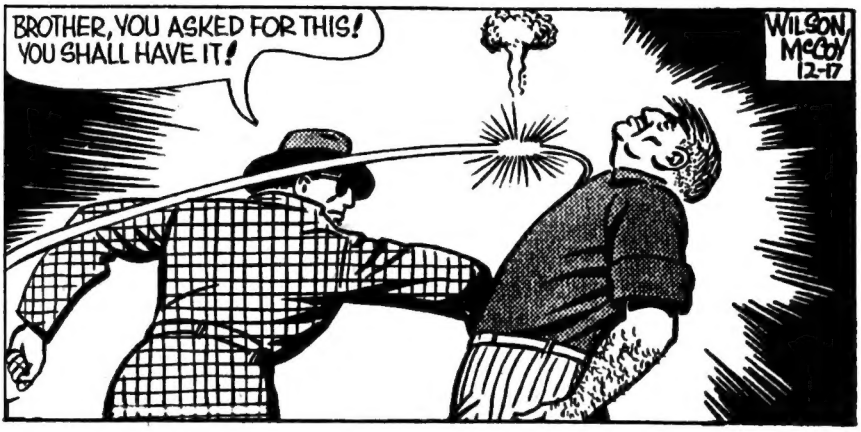
FURIOUS, THE MIGHTY KLOB SWINGS ANOTHER SUNDAY PUNCH AT THE PHANTOM, WHO CASUALLY RAISES HIS HAND--
!@%*!!
THIS TIME, WAITER, DON'T COOK MY STEAK AS MUCH. I LIKE IT RARE!

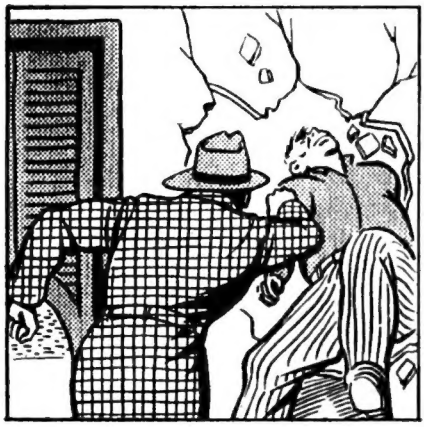

IT'S LIKE PUNCHING A BRICK!
SMACK

YOU-YOU--I'LL KILL YOU!
WILSON McCOY 12-15


ENRAGED, KLOB SWINGS THE HEAVY CHAIR-THE PHANTOM DODGES IT--

WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT BULLY? OW--
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?


BROTHER, YOU ASKED FOR THIS! YOU SHALL HAVE IT!
WILSON McCOY 12-17



HE KNOCKED OUT KLOB-WITH ONE PUNCH!
KLOB-THE TOUGHEST GUY ON THE WATER FRONT!

WHO IS THAT GUY?
NOW THAT ALL'S QUIET AGAIN, I'LL HAVE MY STEAK, WAITER.
Y-Y-YES, S-SIR!
THAT'S WHO I WANT FOR MY GUIDE!
WILSON McCOY 12-18
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KNOCKED HIM-THRU THE WALL? DID YOU SAY A GENTLEMAN DID THAT-- OR A BULLDOZER?
A LITTLE OF BOTH, I GUESS.

I WAS SOME HERO- RUSHING TO YOUR RESCUE AND GETTING KNOCKED SILLY.
YOU WERE BRAVE! THAT BULLY WAS TWICE YOUR SIZE!

TWICE HIS SIZE, TOO. BUT HE DID--VERY WELL! I WANT HIM FOR MY GUIDE.
WILSON McCOY 12-19
IS THAT THE GENTLEMAN?

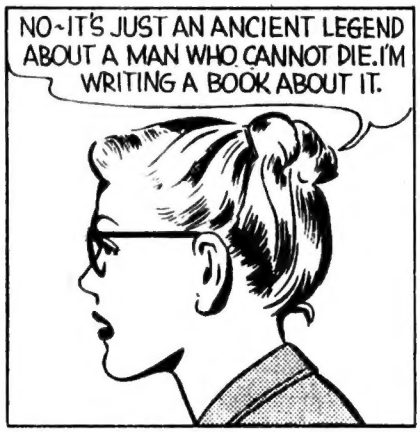
I'M PROFESSOR DUDLEY. THIS IS CAPTAIN CLARK. ER-- I DIDN'T GET YOUR NAME.
NO? PLEASE SIT DOWN.

PLEASE GO ON EATING. ER-SIR- I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU.
NOT AT ALL. THAT LOUT NEEDED A LESSON.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME TO FIND THE RIGHT GUIDE TO TAKE ME INTO THE JUNGLE.
WHY ARE YOU GOING?

TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE PHANTOM.
WILSON McCOY 12-20

YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE PHANTOM?
DON'T LAUGH. I KNOW THERE'S REALLY NO SUCH PERSON.


NO-IT'S JUST AN ANCIENT LEGEND ABOUT A MAN WHO CANNOT DIE. I'M WRITING A BOOK ABOUT IT.

I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN SOME TALES. I KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PHANTOM THAN ANYONE ALIVE
WILSON McCOY 12-21

OF COURSE, I KNOW THE WHOLE IDEA OF THE PHANTOM SOUNDS SILLY TO YOU.
OH, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
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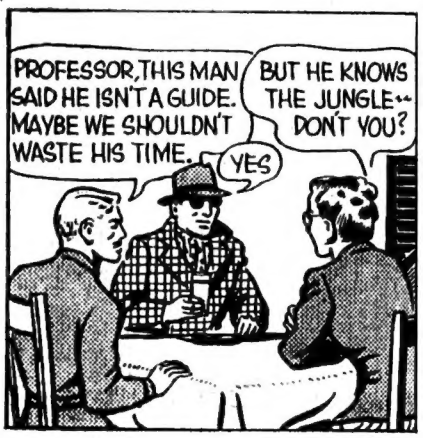
PROFESSOR, THIS MAN SAID HE ISN'T A GUIDE. MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T WASTE HIS TIME.
YES
BUT HE KNOWS THE JUNGLE-- DON'T YOU?

I MUST HAVE THIS MAN AS GUIDE. HE'S FEARLESS, HE'S SMART, AND HE DOESN'T TALK TOO MUCH-- LIKE MOST MEN DO!
WILSON McCOY 12-22

IS SHE GETTING A CRUSH ON THIS GUY?
PROFESSOR, MAYBE WE'D BETTER BE GETTING ON--
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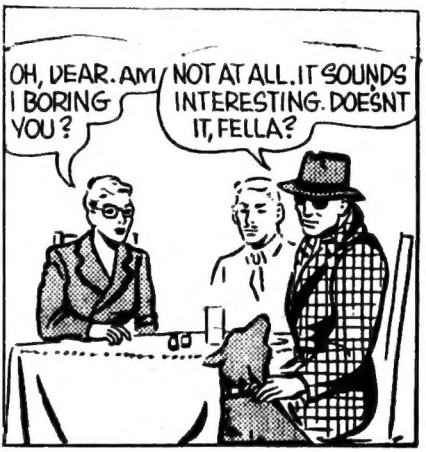
WON'T YOU PLEASE CONSIDER BEING MY GUIDE?
HMM- HOW MUCH DO YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THIS PHANTOM LEGEND?

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD TALES ABOUT THIS NATIVE SUPERSTITION~ THE PHANTOM?
HMM~IT'S POSSIBLE.

A FASCINATING LEGEND. SOME SAY HE'S AS TALL AS A TREE, STRONG AS TEN TIGERS~MOVES LIKE LIGHTNING ~AND HE CAN~~

~BE A DOZEN PLACES AT ONCE~~ HAS LIVED FOR 400 YEARS AND CANNOT DIE! SOMETIMES KNOWN AS THE GHOST WHO WALKS!
WILSON McCOY 12-24


OH, DEAR. AM I BORING YOU?
NOT AT ALL. IT SOUNDS INTERESTING. DOESN'T IT, FELLA?

I DON'T THINK YOU'LL LEARN ANY MORE ABOUT THIS PHANTOM LEGEND. BETTER GIVE UP THE TRIP.
I WON'T
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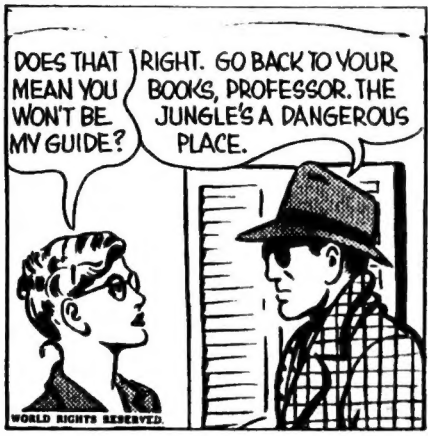
DOES THAT MEAN YOU WON'T BE MY GUIDE?
RIGHT. GO BACK TO YOUR BOOKS, PROFESSOR. THE JUNGLE'S A DANGEROUS PLACE.
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WHO SHOT ME?
NOBODY. THAT GUY COOLED YOU~WITH ONE PUNCH, KLOB!
WILSON McCOY

YOUR CHECK, MISTER.
I'LL PAY FOR THE STEAK HE THREW ON THE FLOOR. HE CAN PAY FOR THE ONE I ATE.
12-25

PLEASE, WON'T YOU RECONSIDER AND BE MY GUIDE?
NO, I'M AFRAID NOT.

HE DIDN'T EVEN FEEL IT WHEN YOU SLUGGED HIM, KLOB.
AND HE PUT YOU OUT WITH ONE SOCK! HO-HO~~

GET OUTA MY WAY!

MAKE A FOOL OUTA ME, WILL HE? HIM AND THAT DAME! WE'LL SEE!
WILSON McCOY 12-26

MAKE A SUCKER OUTA ME-- WILL THEY?

I MUST LEAVE YOU NOW. GOODBYE, AND-- WHAT IS IT, DEVIL?
A SHORT GROWL FROM DEVIL. DANGER.
GRRR-R-R

DOWN! FAST!

WILSON McCOY 12-27
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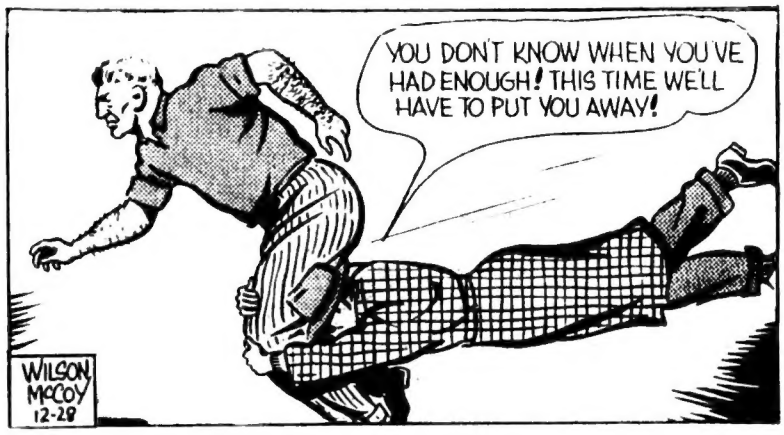
RUNNING ZIGZAG, THE PHANTOM DODGES A HAIL OF BULLETS--

YOU, AGAIN, KLOB!
NO MORE BULLETS


YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH! THIS TIME WE'LL HAVE TO PUT YOU AWAY!
WILSON McCOY 12-28

TAKE THIS MANIAC TO JAIL!
THAT TIN-CAN JAIL OF YOURS CAN'T HOLD ME, RUNT!
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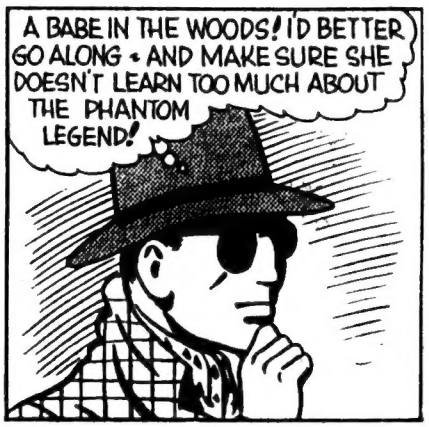
THE JUNGLE'S FULL OF CHARACTERS LIKE THAT.
ISN'T HE SOMETHING?

BETTER CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT THAT TRIP, PROFESSOR.
NO, I'M GOING! I'M NOT AFRAID!
WILSON McCOY 12-29

GOIN' TO THE JUNGLE, ARE YOU, BABY? WELL--I'LL BE THERE, TOO! GUNNIN' FOR YOU!



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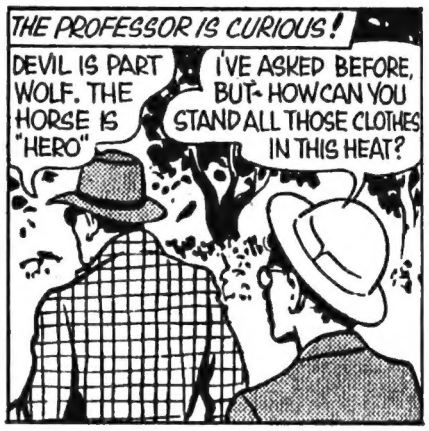
I'VE LISTED THE TRIBES I WISH TO QUESTION ABOUT THE PHANTOM LEGEND.
HMM~DO YOU KNOW THE LANGUAGES?

I FORGOT THAT! STOP! I'LL HAVE TO FIND AN INTERPRETER!
NOT NECESSARY. I KNOW ALL THE DIALECTS.

QUITE A LIST! COVERS MOST OF THE JUNGLE!
WHAT A GUIDE! HE KNOWS EVERYTHING!

THERE THEY GO! I'LL BE AFTER 'EM AS SOON AS I CAN BREAK OUTA THIS TIN-CAN JAIL!
WILSON McCOY 1-3

DEEPER INTO THE JUNGLE NOW~~
WHAT KIND OF DOG IS THAT? I THOUGHT HE WAS A WOLF. WHAT A LOVELY HORSE! WHAT'S HIS NAME?


THE PROFESSOR IS CURIOUS!
DEVIL IS PART WOLF. THE HORSE IS "HERO"
I'VE ASKED BEFORE, BUT~HOW CAN YOU STAND ALL THOSE CLOTHES IN THIS HEAT?

I'LL BE CHANGING SOON.
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GUESS YOUR AGE~AND WHAT COUNTRY YOU COME FROM.
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THIS IS A DREAM COME TRUE~DOING ACTUAL RESEARCH ON THE PHANTOM LEGEND! HOW SOON DO WE REACH A TRIBE?
SOON. WE'RE NEAR ORINGA LAND. THEY'RE HEADHUNTERS.

HE WON'T TALK. MAYBE HE'S AN EX-CONVICT, TRYING TO COVER UP. BUT HE IS A GENTLEMAN! I WON'T PRY!
WILSON McCOY 1-4
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HEADHUNTERS!
THEY USED TO BE. I'M NOT SURE IF THEY'VE GIVEN IT UP COMPLETELY, OR NOT.

WE'LL FIND OUT SOON.
WILSON McCOY 1-5

I'M ANXIOUS TO INTERVIEW NATIVES FOR MATERIAL ON THE PHANTOM LEGEND AT ONCE!
PEOPLE OUT HERE SLEEP AT NIGHT. TIME YOU DID, TOO.
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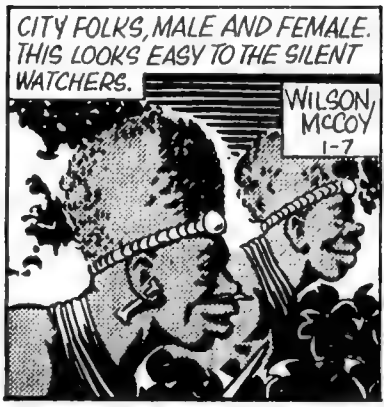
SLEEP? YOU SAID THIS IS HEADHUNTER COUNTRY. ISN'T IT DANGEROUS?
IT CAN BE. DON'T WORRY. I'LL STAY ON GUARD.


CITY FOLKS, MALE AND FEMALE. THIS LOOKS EASY TO THE SILENT WATCHERS.
WILSON McCOY 1-7

UHH... I AM SLEEPY. I'LL TURN IN, BUT WE CAN START FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, CAN'T WE?
YES. GOODNIGHT, PROFESSOR.

THAT GUIDE IS A MYSTERY...DRESSING LIKE THAT IN THE JUNGLE AND... OH, WELL...AS LONG AS HE DOES HIS JOB...

THIS IS SOMETHING! I'M BRINGING HER TO THE JUNGLE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE PHANTOM... WHAT IS IT, DEVIL?

BOTH LISTEN ALERTLY TO THE MANY SOUNDS IN THE JUNGLE NIGHT...

THERE'S A SPECIAL SOUND...THAT ONLY THEIR TRAINED EARS COULD CATCH...
WILSON McCOY 1-8

NOT HEADHUNTERS. SENGA BANDITS. AFTER OUR EQUIPMENT. SHH...DEVIL...

IT'S SILLY FOR THE GUIDE TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT. IT'S PEACEFUL OUTSIDE THERE'S NO DANGER I'LL TELL HIM TO SLEEP.

WILSON McCOY 1-9

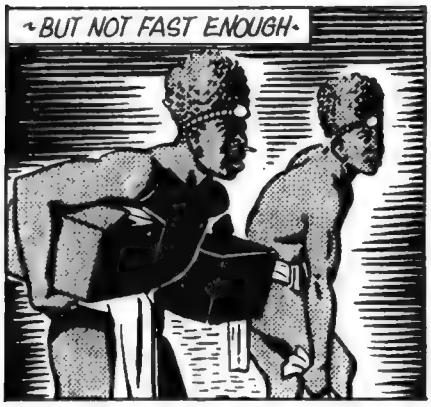
OH ~ GUIDE ~~ GUIDE ~~

HER CRY IS SHUT OFF ~~ FRANTICALLY ~~ SHE THINKS ~ WHERE IS THE GUIDE?

HER SAFARI BOYS ARE ASLEEP A SHORT DISTANCE DOWN THE ROAD ~~ NONE OF THEM HAS HEARD HER ~~

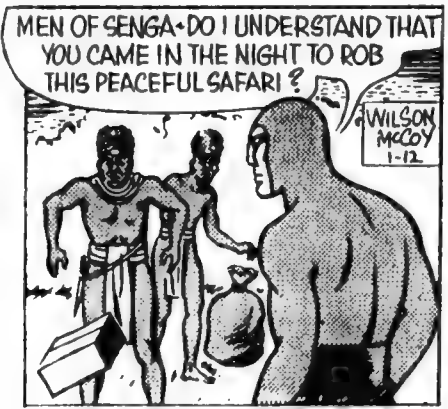
~ AND THE GUIDE ~~ EITHER THEY'VE ALREADY KILLED HIM ~ OR HE RAN AWAY ~~ DESERTED ME ~~
WILSON McCOY 1-10

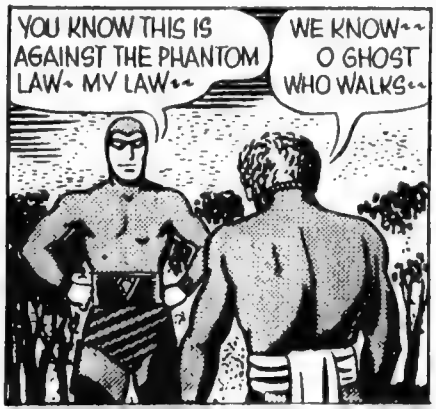
PROFESSOR DUDLEY'S WORST FEARS ARE REALIZED ~~ CAPTURED BY MURDEROUS NATIVES IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT ~ THE SENGA BANDITS WORK FAST ~
WHAT'LL THEY DO TO ME? WHERE IS MY GUIDE.


~ BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH ~

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN, MEN OF SENGA?
WILSON McCOY 1-11

THE PHANTOM SPEAKS RAPIDLY IN THE SENGA TONGUE ~~ WHICH SHE DOES NOT KNOW ~~
WHO IS HE? WHAT IS HE SAYING?


MEN OF SENGA ~ DO I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CAME IN THE NIGHT TO ROB THIS PEACEFUL SAFARI?
WILSON McCOY 1-12


YOU KNOW THIS IS AGAINST THE PHANTOM LAW ~ MY LAW ~~
WE KNOW ~~ O GHOST WHO WALKS ~~

THIS STRANGE MASKED MAN ~~ THEY'RE LIKE GUILTY SCHOOL BOYS BEFORE HIM! IT'S ALL SO EERIE! IS IT ~~ REAL?

PROF. DUDLEY DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE SENGA LANGUAGE-- --AND IF SHE ONLY KNEW THAT THIS WAS THE LEGENDARY PHANTOM--
MEN OF SENGA, FOR ROBBING A PEACEFUL SAFARI, YOU WILL BE PUNISHED!
PUNISHED? THIS IS OUR LAND. THEY TRESPASS HERE! NO ONE PUNISHES US.--
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NOT EVEN YOU!

THEY ARE HEADHUNTERS~ UH---U-U-
WILSON McCOY 1-14

PROF. DUDLEY FAINTS AS THE ANGRY WARRIOR SWINGS HIS GIANT KNIFE--
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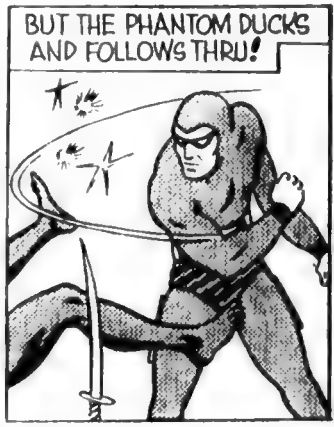
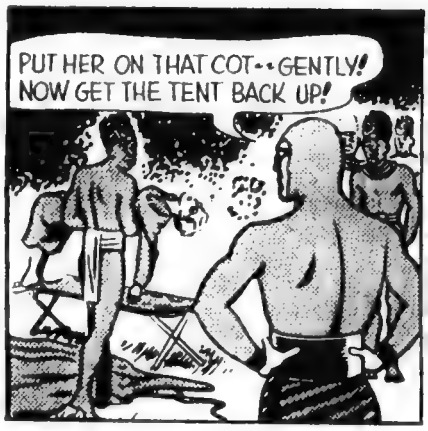

BUT THE PHANTOM DUCKS AND FOLLOWS THRU!

WELL? HAVE ANY OF THE REST OF YOU ANYTHING TO SAY?

THEN REPLACE THE THINGS YOU TRIED TO STEAL--AND PUT THAT TENT BACK UP ON THE DOUBLE!
WILSON McCOY 1-15


PUT HER ON THAT COT--GENTLY! NOW GET THE TENT BACK UP!

OF ALL THE LUCK! FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS HE'S BEEN HERE AND HE HAS TO COME TONIGHT!
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I'LL INFORM YOUR CHIEF THAT YOU TRIED TO ROB THIS SAFARI TONIGHT- AND LET HIM DECIDE THE PUNISHMENT.
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AND THIS SAFARI IS NOT TO BE MOLESTED AGAIN! NOR ANY OTHER! UNDERSTAND?
WILSON McCOY 1-16

THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL WITH THOSE SENGA BANDITS, DEVIL, AND PROFESSOR DUDLEY SAW ME AS I REALLY AM.

BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHO I AM - OR WHO THE "MASKED MAN" WAS -- SHE MUSTN'T LEARN TOO MUCH ABOUT THE PHANTOM.
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DAWN -- AND PROF. DUDLEY SUDDENLY AWAKENS!
OH -- THE HEAD-- HUNTERS!
WILSON McCOY 1-17

GOOD MORNING. SLEEP WELL?
SLEEP WELL! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HEADHUNTERS AND THAT MASKED MAN?

HEADHUNTERS? MASKED MAN?
YES, HEADHUNTERS WERE HERE LAST NIGHT -- YOU DISAPPEARED.
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THEY GRABBED ME - TOOK OUR SUPPLIES - TORE DOWN THIS TENT --
YOU MEAN THIS TENT?
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THEN A STRANGE MASKED MAN CAME OUT AND ARGUED -- AND ONE OF THEM SWUNG A KNIFE AT HIM AND --
WILSON McCOY 1-18

THEN WHAT HAPPENED?
AND THEN -- BUT THE TENT'S NOT TORN DOWN - AND -- GOOD HEAVENS, DID I DREAM IT ALL?

DID I DREAM ALL THAT LAST NIGHT -- ABOUT THE HEADHUNTERS AND THE MASKED MAN? IT SEEMED SO REAL.

THEY TORE UP THE PLACE - YET WHEN I WOKE UP THIS MORNING, EVERYTHING WAS IN PLACE -- INCLUDING ME --

I SAW HIM SO CLEARLY -- I CAN STILL SEE HIM -- OH - DEAR --
WILSON McCOY 1-19

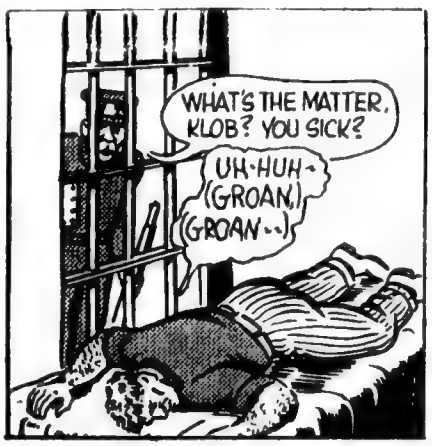
READY?
YES, AND STOP GRINNING. ANYONE CAN HAVE A BAD DREAM, CAN'T THEY?

I KNOW WHY I HAD THAT BAD DREAM ABOUT HEADHUNTERS. I MUST BE WORRYING ABOUT THAT BULLY KLOB.
HE'S IN JAIL.

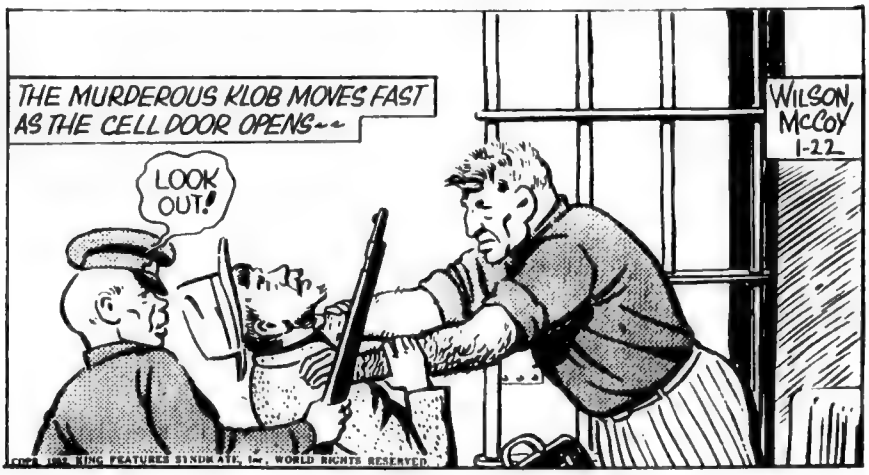
HE THREATENED TO BREAK OUT AND FOLLOW ME. OH ~ MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE STARTED ALL THIS.
YOU WANT TO TURN BACK?

NO, I'LL SEE THIS THRU ~ EVEN IF IT KILLS ME!
SHE'S GOT PLENTY OF COURAGE.

BUT I CAN'T LET HER GET TOO NOSY ABOUT THE PHANTOM-- EVEN IF HE IS ONLY A NATIVE 'MYTH'!
WILSON McCOY 1-21


WHAT'S THE MATTER, KLOB? YOU SICK?
UH-HUH ~ (GROAN) (GROAN--)

WATCH THIS GUY, DOC. HE'S A BAD ONE
WE'LL SOON KNOW IF HE'S FAKING ~ OR NOT.


THE MURDEROUS KLOB MOVES FAST AS THE CELL DOOR OPENS--
LOOK OUT!
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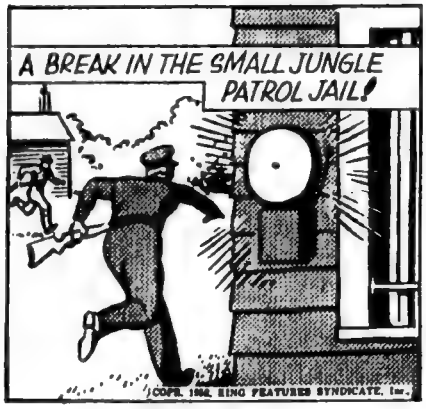
GIMME THAT RIFLE!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, KLOB.

BUTTON UP AND GIT INTO THAT CELL!

I TOLD 'EM THEY COULDN'T HOLD ME IN THAT TIN-CAN JAIL!
WILSON McCOY 1-23


A BREAK IN THE SMALL JUNGLE PATROL JAIL!
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WILSON McCOY 1-24

IT'S KLOB! HE ESCAPED - INTO THE JUNGLE!
KLOB? HE'S AFTER PROFESSOR DUDLEY! I TOLD THEM TO WATCH HIM--

NOW I'LL FIND THAT DAME--AND THAT GUIDE OF HERS! MADE A FOOL OUTA ME! THEY'LL WISH THEY NEVER SEEN ME!

LOOK HERE! WE'VE BEEN GOING IN CIRCLES FOR DAYS! ARE YOU TRYING TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM NATIVES?
WHY SHOULD I DO THAT?

I DON'T KNOW! THERE'S A LOT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU. YOUR NAME. YOUR FACE. WHY YOU DRESS LIKE THAT--IN THE JUNGLE!

I CAME TO DO RESEARCH ON THE PHANTOM LEGEND! YOU'RE MY GUIDE. IF YOU DON'T GET RESULTS, I'LL FIRE YOU--OH!
HERE ARE YOUR NATIVES. START RESEARCHING.
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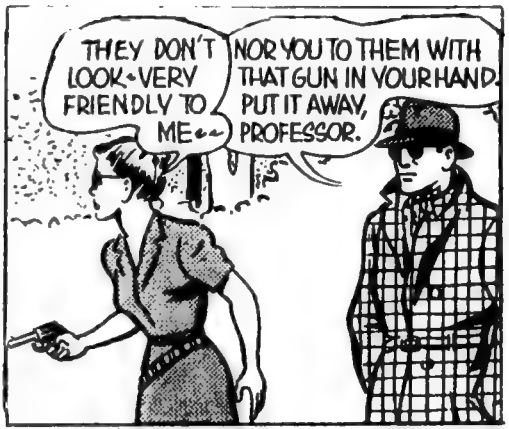
THE NATIVES STARE HOSTILELY AT THE STRANGERS--


THEY DON'T LOOK - VERY FRIENDLY TO ME--
NOR YOU TO THEM WITH THAT GUN IN YOUR HAND. PUT IT AWAY, PROFESSOR.

THE MAN APPROACHES. THEY LOOK SUSPICIOUSLY AT HIM. HE EXTENDS HIS HAND - THEY LOOK AGAIN--

THE RING OF THE PHANTOM!
WILSON McCOY 1-26

THE NATIVES SPEAK RAPIDLY IN THE LLONGO TONGUE.
SKULL RING! PHANTOM!
WE DID NOT KNOW YOU IN THIS STRANGE GARB, O GHOST WHO WALKS!

THIS IS AMAZING! I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO KILL US! NOW THEY'RE SWEET AS PIE! WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM?
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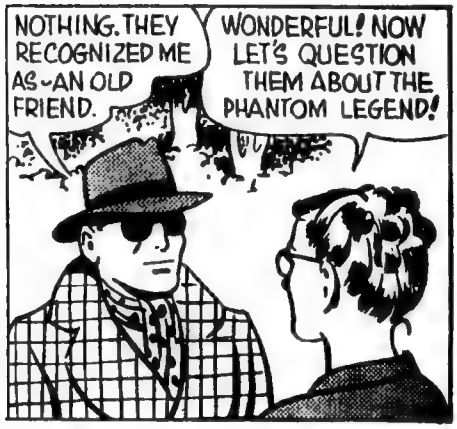
NOTHING. THEY RECOGNIZED ME AS AN OLD FRIEND.
WONDERFUL! NOW LET'S QUESTION THEM ABOUT THE PHANTOM LEGEND!

QUESTION THEM ALL YOU WISH.
YOU KNOW I CAN'T SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE. YOU'RE MY INTERPRETER! ASK THEM IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE PHANTOM LEGEND.
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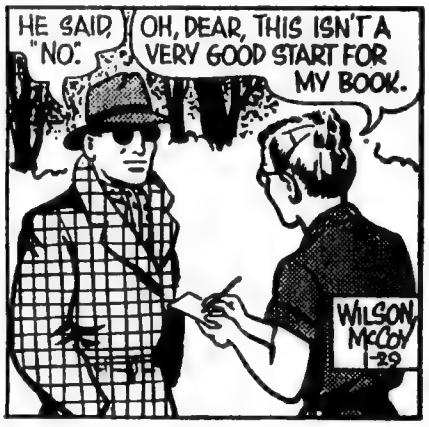
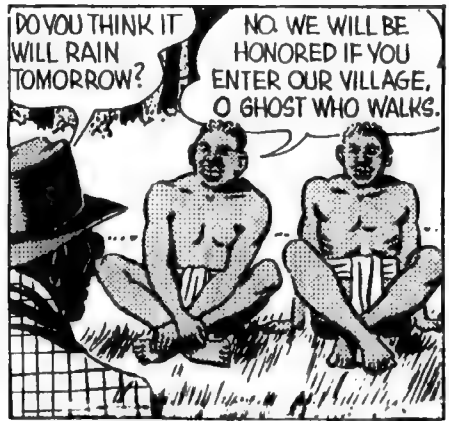
DO YOU THINK IT'LL RAIN TODAY?
NO.


HE SAID, "NO."
OH, DEAR, THIS ISN'T A VERY GOOD START FOR MY BOOK.
WILSON McCOY 1-29

AGAIN THE PHANTOM SPEAKS IN LLONGO...
WELL-ASK THEM IF THEY KNOW ANYBODY WHO KNOWS TALES OF THE PHANTOM.


DO YOU THINK IT WILL RAIN TOMORROW?
NO. WE WILL BE HONORED IF YOU ENTER OUR VILLAGE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

HE SAID, "NO." BUT HE'D LIKE YOU TO VISIT THE LLONGO VILLAGE.
I'D LOVE TO. GEE, I THOUGHT THEY'D ALL KNOW ABOUT THE PHANTOM...
WILSON McCOY 1-30

...BUT MAYBE I'LL GET MATERIAL FOR MY BOOK IN THE VILLAGE.
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT.

KLOB, ESCAPED FROM PRISON, TRACKS PROF. DUDLEY IN THE JUNGLE---

HER SAFARI MUSTA JUST LEFT HERE. THEY CAN'T BE FAR NOW!

WILSON McCOY 1-31

THERE SHE IS--AND THAT GUIDE OF HERS! I CAN'T DO NOTHIN' NOW--BUT WAIT UNTIL THEY COME OUTA THE VILLAGE!

HAIL, O GHOST WHO WALKS!
WELCOME, KING OF THE JUNGLE
YOU HONOR OUR VILLAGE, PHANTOM!

THEY RE TREATING US LIKE ROYALTY! DO THEY WELCOME ALL VISITORS LIKE THIS?
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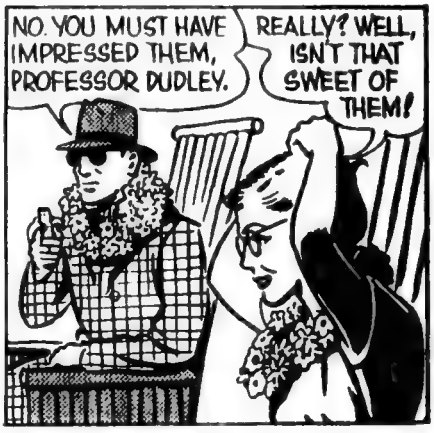
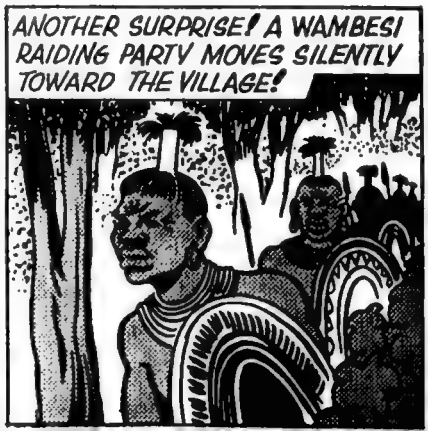

NO. YOU MUST HAVE IMPRESSED THEM, PROFESSOR DUDLEY.
REALLY? WELL, ISN'T THAT SWEET OF THEM!

WHEN THEY COME OUT--TWO SHOTS ARE ENOUGH--ONE FOR HER--ONE FOR HIM--! WON'T THEY BE SURPRISED!
WILSON McCOY 2-2

THE LLONGO TRIBE HONORS THE PHANTOM. PROF. DUDLEY THINKS IT'S FOR HER--
WHY DOES PHANTOM WEAR SUCH STRANGE CLOTHES?
WHO KNOWS MYSTERIOUS WAYS OF PHANTOM?
THEY REALLY SHOULDN'T GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE--


ANOTHER SURPRISE! A WAMBESI RAIDING PARTY MOVES SILENTLY TOWARD THE VILLAGE!

NO MORE. I'M FULL. NOW WHEN CAN I ASK THEM ABOUT THE PHANTOM LEGENDS?
LATER.

OUTSIDE THE LLONGO VILLAGE, WHERE KILLER KLOB WAITS--

WAMBESI WARRIORS! ON A RAID-- AGAINST THE LLONGO!
WILSON McCOY 2-4

MAYBE THEY'LL SAVE ME THE TROUBLE OF KILLIN' THAT DAME AND HER GUIDE--
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WAMBESI! WAMBESI!

SCREAMING, THE WAMBESI STREAM INTO THE LLONGO VILLAGE--

CAUGHT BY SURPRISE, THE LLONGO RUSH TO GET WEAPONS--
A WAMBESI RAID! THEY'VE COME TO CAPTURE WIVES! I THOUGHT I'D CURED THEM OF THAT!
YOU--WHAT? A WIFE-RAID? OH-- THIS IS TERRIBLE!
WILSON McCOY 2-5

THE LLONGO RALLY TO FIGHT THE WAMBESI RAIDERS!

DON'T-- LEAVE ME--
I MUST. STAY HERE. THE WAMBESI ARE WEARING WAR-PAINT! IF THEY COME NEAR, USE YOUR GUN.

BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING? OH--HE'S GONE--
WILSON McCOY 2-6
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THIS IS LIKE MY DREAM IN THE JUNGLE! WHEN NATIVES ATTACKED, MY GUIDE DISAPPEARED! BUT THIS ISN'T A DREAM.
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OH - HOW DID I EVER GET INTO THIS?
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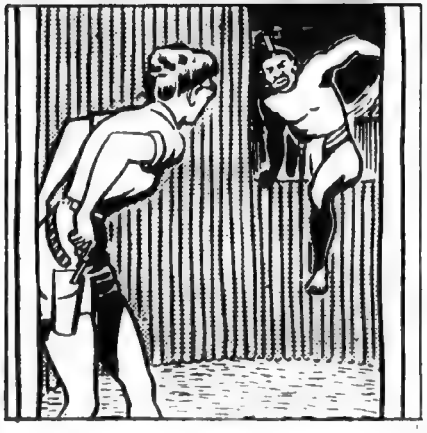


HELP! GUIDE.. WHERE ARE YOU? HELP!

BONG
HELP--! OH-!

THIS IS A NIGHTMARE! GUIDE - GUIDE --!

SUDDENLY, A MIGHTY VOICE--
WILSON McCOY 2-8
WAN BESI! LLONGO! DROP YOUR WEAPONS!

WILSON McCOY 2-9

A MIGHTY VOICE RINGS OUT OVER THE DIN OF THE BATTLE - THE VILLAGE IS SUDDENLY SILENT!
WAMBESI! LLONGO! DROP YOUR WEAPONS!

STOP THE FIGHTING!
THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

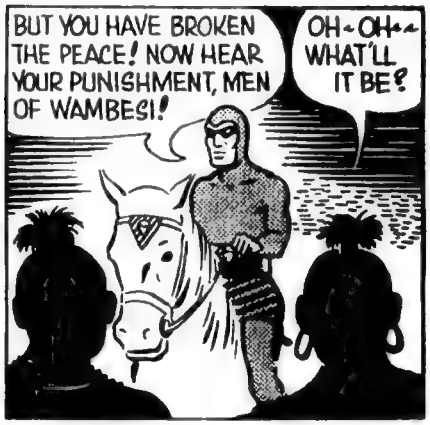
ON A ROUTINE WIFE-RAID, THE WAMBESI DID NOT DREAM THEY'D RUN SMACK INTO THE PHANTOM!
DROP YOUR WEAPONS AND COME BEFORE ME, WAMBESI!

YOU PROMISED TO END THESE RAIDS! WHY HAVE YOU BROKEN THE PEACE? SPEAK!
WILSON McCOY 2-11

THE MASKED MAN—THE SAME ONE I SAW IN MY DREAM!

WHY DID YOU COME ON THIS WIFE-RAID TO THE LLONGO VILLAGE?
WE WANT TO MARRY LLONGO GIRLS, GREAT PHANTOM.
THE LLONGO GIRLS ARE PRETTIER THAN OURS.
WILSON McCOY 2-12

HMM. IF YOU WISH TO MARRY LLONGO GIRLS, YOU SHOULD COME HERE IN PEACE, WITH GIFTS, AND WOO THEM PROPERLY.


BUT YOU HAVE BROKEN THE PEACE! NOW HEAR YOUR PUNISHMENT, MEN OF WAMBESI!
OH—OH— WHAT'LL IT BE?

FIRST, WAMBESI, I ORDER YOU TO REPAY THE LLONGO FOR ALL DAMAGE DONE TO THEM ON THIS WIFE-RAID!

SECOND, I SENTENCE ALL MEN OF WAMBESI TO EXILE FOR SIX MONTHS AT HARD LABOR IN THE JUNGLE!

I SHALL STATION LLONGO WARRIORS AS GUARDS TO SEE THIS DONE!
OH, NO, PHANTOM! THIS IS TOO CRUEL!
TORTURE US! KILL US! BUT NOT THAT!
WILSON McCOY 2-13

AFTER THE PHANTOM'S SENTENCE, THE WAMBESI TRUDGE GLOOMILY FROM THE VILLAGE, WATCHED BY GRINNING LLONGOS.
SIX MONTHS AT HARD LABOR!
WHY DID WE EVER COME HERE?
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THE PHANTOM IS WISE!
WE WILL FEAR NO MORE WIFE-RAIDS BY THE WAMBESI!

NOT KNOWING THE LANGUAGE, POOR PROF. DUDLEY UNDERSTANDS NOTHING!
THE MASKED MAN OF MY DREAM! WHO IS HE? WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
WILSON McCOY 2-14

THE MASKED MAN--STOPPED THE BATTLE WITH A WORD! AND SENT THE WAMBESI AWAY! WHO IS HE?

THAT'S OVER! WE'D BETTER HURRY BACK TO PROF DUDLEY. SHE'LL BE WONDERING ABOUT ME!
WILSON McCOY 2-15

WHERE IS MY PRIZE GUIDE? HE DESERTED ME WHEN THE FIGHTING STARTED! I MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED! WHEN I SEE HIM--

HELLO, PROFESSOR LOOKING FOR ME?
LOOKING FOR--! IF I WEREN'T A LADY, I'D SWEAR! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME? WHERE DID YOU GO?
I HAD AN ERRAND. WHAT HAPPENED?

AN ERRAND! DO YOU KNOW THAT A MASKED MAN STOPPED THAT WHOLE BATTLE--AND SENT THOSE WARRIORS AWAY LIKE NAUGHTY SCHOOLBOYS--
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--I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD THEY SAID! OH, IT WAS AWFUL! FIND OUT WHO HE WAS--
I'LL TRY. NOW RELAX. THE DANGER'S OVER.

THE PHANTOM'S WRONG! DANGER AWAITS THEM OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE. KILLER KLOB--
HUH--
THE WAMBESI WERE LICKED! I'LL WAIT FOR THOSE TWO--

BY PHANTOM ORDER, THE WAMBESI ARE PUNISHED FOR THE WIFE-RAID! SIX MONTHS OF EXILE AT HARD LABOR IN THE JUNGLE!
SERVES THEM RIGHT, TRYING TO STEAL LLONGO GIRLS FOR WIVES!
YES, LET THEM DO THEIR OWN COOKING!
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AND THE PROUD WAMBESI MALES BEGIN THEIR SIX-MONTHS' STRETCH!
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THE NEWS SPEEDS THRU THE JUNGLE! AND THE JUNGLE LAUGHS!
~AND THE PHANTOM SAID, LET THE PUNISHMENT FIT THE CRIME! HO-HO-HO~~
WILSON McCOY 2-18

WE'RE CRAZY TO TRY TO TRACK KLOB IN THIS JUNGLE, CAPTAIN CLARK.
KLOB ESCAPED FROM OUR JAIL! THAT'S OUR FAULT!

KLOB THREATENED TO KILL PROF. DUDLEY AND HER GUIDE. WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM! I'M NOT GOING BACK UNTIL WE DO!

OUTSIDE THE LLONGO VILLAGE, KLOB WAITS GRIMLY~~
THEY GOTTA COME OUT SOMETIME!
WILSON McCOY 2-19

DID YOU FIND OUT WHO THAT MASKED MAN WAS?
NOT YET. BUT I'LL TRY, PROFESSOR.

I SAW THAT MASKED MAN IN MY DREAM! THEN I SAW HIM HERE IN THE FLESH! EXPLAIN THAT!
IT'S A MYSTERY.

YOU'RE NO HELP! WE'VE BEEN IN THE JUNGLE FOR WEEKS! I'VE LEARNED NOTHING ABOUT THE PHANTOM LEGEND I DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW!
WILSON McCOY 2-20

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
ONLY THAT HE'S AN ANCIENT MYTH~A MAN WHO CANNOT DIE~LEAVES A SKULL MARK WHERE HE'S BEEN~~

PROFESSOR, THERE ARE SOME MYSTERIES THAT SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE~ AND NOT PRIED INTO!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH. I'M GOING HOME!

BEFORE DAWN, IN THE LLONGO VILLAGE--
I SPENT ALL MY MONEY ON THIS TRIP-- TO GET MATERIAL FOR MY BOOK ON THE PHANTOM LEGEND! I'VE GOTTEN NOTHING--
HMM. YOU'VE HAD SOME REAL ADVENTURES HERE, PROF. DUDLEY. WHY NOT WRITE A BOOK ABOUT THEM?
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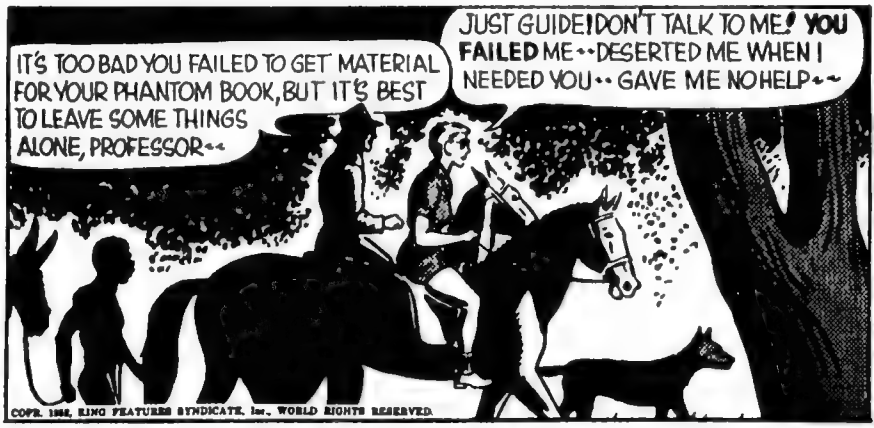
I'LL BET A BOOK LIKE THAT'D SELL LIKE HOT CAKES.
WHEN I WANT YOUR ADVICE, I'LL ASK FOR IT!

HERE THEY COME, AT LAST! HIM, FIRST!
WILSON McCOY 2-21


IT'S TOO BAD YOU FAILED TO GET MATERIAL FOR YOUR PHANTOM BOOK, BUT IT'S BEST TO LEAVE SOME THINGS ALONE, PROFESSOR--
JUST GUIDE! DON'T TALK TO ME! YOU FAILED ME--DESERTED ME WHEN I NEEDED YOU-- GAVE ME NO HELP--
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CRACK

SORRY, BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN --UH---
WILSON McCOY 2-22

OH!

A SHOT RINGS OUT! THE PHANTOM IS HIT!

ALMOST AS HE REACHES THE GROUND, HIS GUN IS OUT-- HE FIRES--

NOW FOR HER-- --UH--
WILSON McCOY 2-23

HIT BY KLOB'S BULLET, THE PHANTOM FIRES BACK AS HE FALLS TO THE GROUND.
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IT'S KLOB! HE SAID HE'D ESCAPE FROM JAIL AND TRACK ME DOWN TO KILL ME! INSTEAD, HE GOT THE GUIDE!
WILSON McCOY 2-25

HEARING THE SHOTS, THE LLONGO NATIVES RUSH FROM THEIR VILLAGE--
ARE YOU HURT GUIDE? SPEAK TO ME!

PROFESSOR-I'M BADLY HURT. TELL THE NATIVES-TO CALL THE BANDAR
BANDAR? YOU SAVED MY LIFE! TELL ME YOUR NAME--JUST IN CASE--
WILSON McCOY 2-26

PLEASE FORGIVE ME. I SAID SUCH NASTY THINGS TO YOU-THAT YOU DESERTED ME AND-OH-- HE'S NOT CONSCIOUS--

THERE THEY ARE! WE DID HEAR SHOTS, CAPTAIN CLARK!
LET'S HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!

EASY, NOW. WHAT HAPPENED?
KLOB AMBUSHED US-- HE SHOT MY GUIDE. THE GUIDE FELL--THEN SHOT BACK.

KLOB'S GOT A BAD WOUND, BUT HE'S ALIVE.
TOO BAD! WE'LL GET HIM BACK TO THE PRISON HOSPITAL! NOW-FOR THE GUIDE--

IF HE DIES- I'LL NEVER EVEN KNOW HIS NAME--
YOUR MYSTERIOUS GUIDE EH? NOW AT LEAST YOU'LL SEE HIS FACE. LET'S GET SOME OF THOSE CLOTHES OFF AND EXAMINE THE WOUND.
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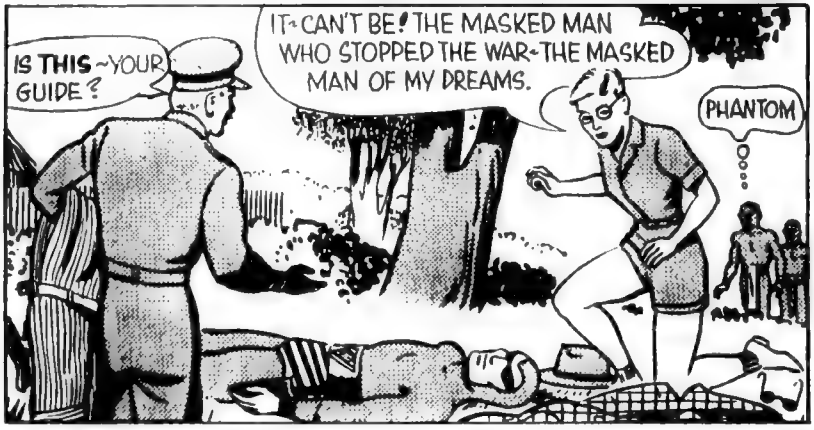
IS THIS ~YOUR GUIDE?
IT~CAN'T BE! THE MASKED MAN WHO STOPPED THE WAR~THE MASKED MAN OF MY DREAMS.
PHANTOM

SUDDENLY THE AIR IS FILLED WITH THE THUNDER OF MANY TOM-TOMS!
BUT~WHO IS HE?
PHANTOM HURT. BANDAR COME.
PHANTOM HURT. BANDAR C
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I DON'T KNOW~LISTEN TO THAT! WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
PHANTOM HURT. BANDAR COME.
PHANTOM HURT. BANDAR COME.

TOM-TOMS ALL AROUND US. THEY'RE DEAFENING. WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?
NEVER MIND THAT. LET'S HELP THIS MASKED MAN~~
THAT DOG WON'T LET US!

DO NOT TOUCH~~ BANDAR COMING.
WHAT'S HE SAYING?
I DON'T KNOW. OBVIOUSLY, THEY DON'T WANT US TO GO NEAR HIM. YOUR MYSTERIOUS GUIDE IS GETTING MORE MYSTERIOUS
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WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM~~ HE'S WOUNDED~HE'LL DIE~~
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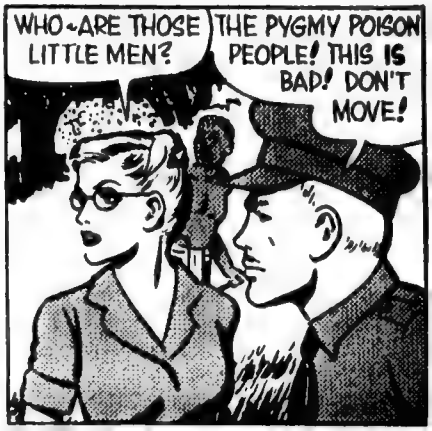
FOR SOME REASON~THESE LLONGO NATIVES WON'T LET US! WE'LL WAIT~~ AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS~LOOK

FEARED BY ALL THE JUNGLE TRIBES, THE DEADLY BANDAR WARRIORS REACH THE PHANTOM AT LAST!
WILSON McCOY 3-1


WHO~ARE THOSE LITTLE MEN?
THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE! THIS IS BAD! DON'T MOVE!

THE LITTLE MEN ARE FURIOUS! SOMEONE HAS WOUNDED THEIR BELOVED PHANTOM---!
THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE~ THE BANDAR! NO WHITE MAN HAS EVER SEEN THEM BEFORE-- ALL NATIVES FEAR THEM--
WHY ARE THEY HERE-WHAT'LL THEY DO TO US?

WHILE THE BAND OF ANGRY PYGMIES RETIRES TO HOLD A WAR COUNCIL, ONE OF THEIR NUMBER BENDS OVER THE PHANTOM!
BULLET WOUND. BAD.

I'M CAPTAIN CLARK OF THE JUNGLE PATROL-OH-HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ME! I'M SURE THEY'RE PLANNING TO KILL US!
WILSON McCOY 3-3

LET THEM GO-TAKE ME TO DEEP WOODS-HURRY-- AHHH

WHEW! THEY WERE GOING TO KILL US! HE CAME TO JUST LONG ENOUGH TO WHISPER TO THEM. HE SAVED OUR LIVES--

AMAZED, THEY WATCH THE DEADLY PYGMIES CARRY OFF THE MYSTERIOUS, WOUNDED MASKED MAN---
WILSON McCOY 3-4
--FOR THE THIRD TIME! WHERE ARE THEY TAKING HIM?
I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I'M AWAKE-OR DREAMING ALL THIS!

EASY WITH THAT THUG. I WANT HIM BACK IN THE JAIL ALIVE. THIS TIME HE'LL NEVER GET OUT.
WILSON McCOY 3-5

I'M ALL CONFUSED! WHO OR WHAT WAS MY GUIDE? WHY DID THE PYGMIES COME FOR HIM?
I DON'T KNOW. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY CHANGE THEIR MINDS AND COME BACK!
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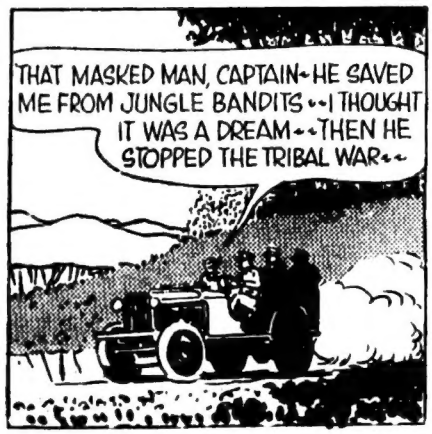
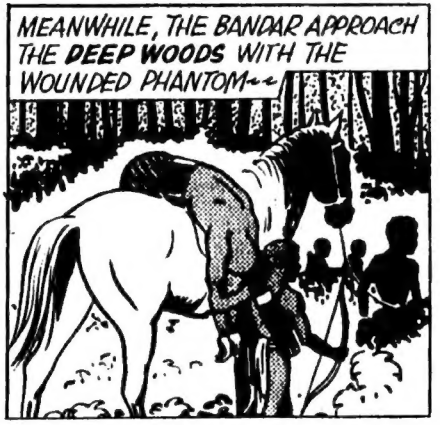
CAN'T YOU SPEAK LLONGO? CAN'T WE GO BACK AND ASK THEM ABOUT THE MASKED MAN?
PROFESSOR, WE'RE NOT STOPPING TILL WE REACH MAIN STREET!


THAT MASKED MAN, CAPTAIN-HE SAVED ME FROM JUNGLE BANDITS--I THOUGHT IT WAS A DREAM--THEN HE STOPPED THE TRIBAL WAR--

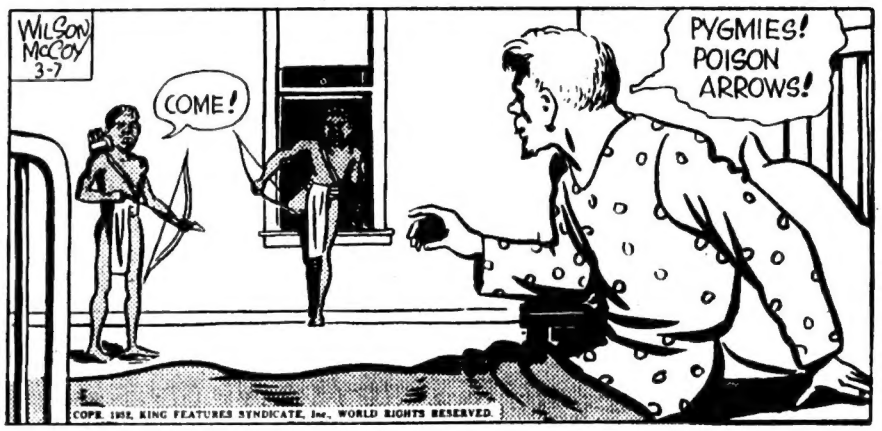
-THE NATIVES ACTED AS IF HE WERE AN EMPEROR! AND ALL THE TIME-- HE WAS MY GUIDE! WHO IS HE?
I GIVE UP.


MEANWHILE, THE BANDAR APPROACH THE DEEP WOODS WITH THE WOUNDED PHANTOM--

GET WHITE DOCTOR-AT TREGOR. BRING HIM TO SKULL CAVE-- HURRY--
WILSON McCOY 3-6

A DOCTOR AT THE EDGE OF THE JUNGLE.
PHEW-I'VE HAD A HARD DAY!

I HOPE I DON'T GET ANY CALLS TONIGHT!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COME!
PYGMIES! POISON ARROWS!
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THE DOCTOR AT TREGOR
I'M COMING. WON'T YOU EVEN LET ME GET DRESSED?
COME!

GO!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! BUT WHERE?

DEEP JUNGLE PYGMIES-- WITH POISON ARROWS! WHAT DO THEY WANT OF ME?
WHERE? WHERE?
GO!
WILSON McCOY 3-8

THE DOCTOR DRIVES FAR INTO THE JUNGLE.
WHAT IS THIS? WHY ARE YOU BLINDFOLDING ME?
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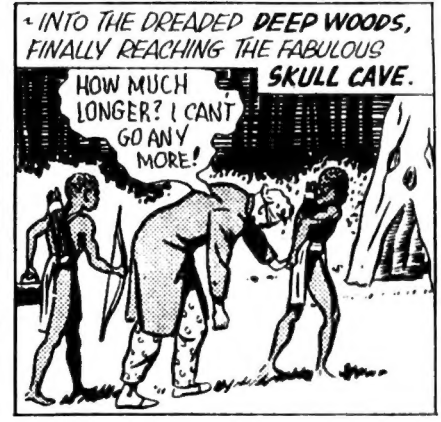
HE IS LED FOR HOURS THRU THE JUNGLE NIGHT--
I CAN'T RUN MUCH FARTHER! WHERE ARE WE GOING?
COME! COME!


INTO THE DREADED DEEP WOODS, FINALLY REACHING THE FABULOUS SKULL CAVE.
HOW MUCH LONGER? I CAN'T GO ANY MORE!

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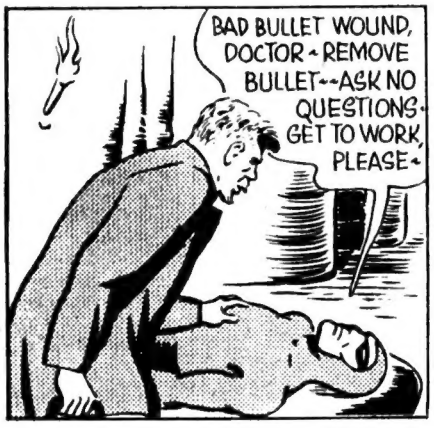
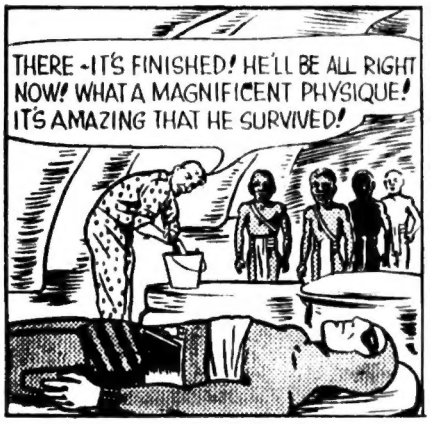
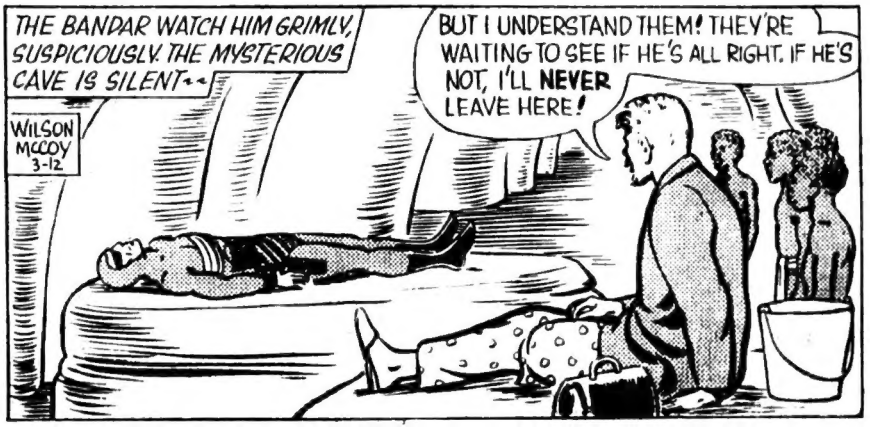

BAD BULLET WOUND, DOCTOR. REMOVE BULLET--ASK NO QUESTIONS. GET TO WORK, PLEASE.

WHERE ON EARTH AM I? WHO ARE ALL THESE--? WHO IS HE?

WATCHED NARROWLY BY THE DEADLY PYGMIES, UNDER THE TORCHLIGHT IN THE CAVE, THE DOCTOR GOES TO WORK!
THEY TOLD ME A DOCTOR'S LIFE WAS HARD. BUT THEY DIDN'T MENTION THIS!
WILSON McCOY 3-11


THERE. IT'S FINISHED! HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW! WHAT A MAGNIFICENT PHYSIQUE! IT'S AMAZING THAT HE SURVIVED!

BUT I'M FINISHED! THE OPERATION'S A SUCCESS. HE'LL COME TO SOON! TAKE ME HOME NOW! HMM.. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND ME--


THE BANDAR WATCH HIM GRIMLY, SUSPICIOUSLY. THE MYSTERIOUS CAVE IS SILENT--
WILSON McCOY 3-12
BUT I UNDERSTAND THEM! THEY'RE WAITING TO SEE IF HE'S ALL RIGHT. IF HE'S NOT, I'LL NEVER LEAVE HERE!

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE AWAKE! BUT YOU MUSTN'T GET UP YET!
I FEEL FINE! YOU DID A GOOD JOB, DOC.

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU LIKE THIS, BUT I NEEDED HELP FAST. TAKE THIS-- AND MANY THANKS.
THAT-FOR ME? BUT-WHO ARE YOU?

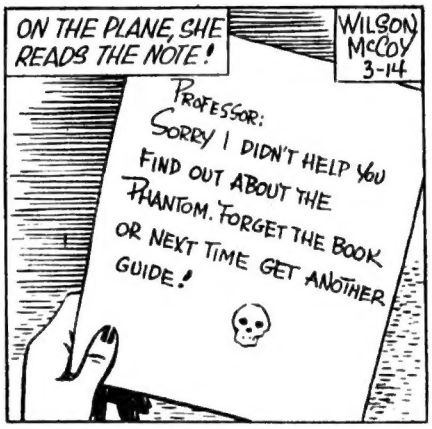
AGAIN HE IS BLINDFOLDED AND LED FOR HOURS THRU THE JUNGLE--
HE DIDN'T TELL ME.

DID I DREAM ALL THIS? NO-THIS GEM! I CAN RETIRE ON IT--IF IT'S REAL! AND I'LL BET IT IS!
WILSON McCOY 3-13

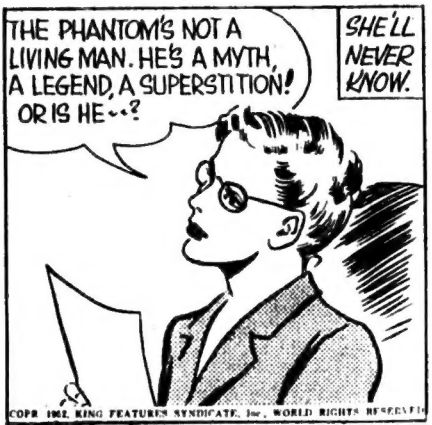
I'M GOING HOME. I CAME TO FIND MATERIAL ON THE PHANTOM MYTH, FOR MY BOOK. I FOUND NOTHING
YOU FOUND THE MASKED MAN--

-WHO WAS MY MYSTERIOUS GUIDE ALL THE TIME! BUT WHO WAS HE?
WE MAY NEVER KNOW. BY THE WAY, THIS NOTE CAME FOR YOU.

I'LL READ IT ON THE PLANE. GOOD-BYE, CAPTAIN. THANKS FOR-EVERYTHING.
THIS ISN'T GOOD-BYE! I'LL LOOK YOU UP IN THE STATES, PROFESSOR


ON THE PLANE, SHE READS THE NOTE!
WILSON McCOY 3-14
PROFESSOR:
SORRY I DIDN'T HELP YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE PHANTOM. FORGET THE BOOK OR NEXT TIME GET ANOTHER GUIDE!

A SKULL MARK--THE SIGN OF THE PHANTOM! BUT MY GUIDE--THE MASKED MAN--HE COULDN'T BE THE PHANTOM!


THE PHANTOM'S NOT A LIVING MAN. HE'S A MYTH, A LEGEND, A SUPERSTITION! OR IS HE--?
SHE'LL NEVER KNOW.
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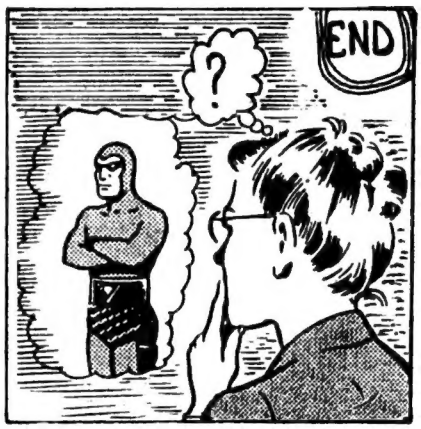
WE KEPT THE LADY--AND OUR SECRET SAFE, THOUGH WE WERE ALMOST KILLED DOING IT, DEVIL.
WILSON McCOY 3-15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